

Kingston Conservation Advisory Council

Meeting 11/11/09

Attendance: Board Members—Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Judith Deming, Valeria Gheorghiu, Felipa Gaudet, Gregg Swanzey
Guests-Casey Schwarz, Melissa Everett

Meeting called to order: 6:37pm

Allison made a motion to accept 10/14/09 meeting minutes and 10/22/09 special meeting minutes. Gregg 2nd. All in favor.

Announcements/Communications:

1. Next regular Monthly Board Meeting is 12/9/09 at 6:30---conference room 2, City Hall
2. Ulster County Roundtable is 11/18/09 at 6:30pm at Ulster County Community College. We will be presenting re: our work with the pledge, forming the CAC, our priorities, etc.
3. Ulster County Planning Seminar at S.U.N.Y. New Paltz—Planning Techniques in the Information Age—11/12/09
4. Laura Heady let us know of 4 upcoming biodiversity workshops. For more information email her ltheady@gw.dec.state.ny.us
5. Julie met with Mayor Sottile. He will be recommending Steve Noble as the liaison for the Climate Smart Communities/Green Jobs Pledge. He will be drafting resolution 181 of 2009 to make it official.
6. Melissa Everett will be coming to our meeting tonight to discuss next steps of pledge.
7. 12/4/09 Green 2010—Green Building in the 21st century in Millbrook 9am-4:30pm. For more information email Valeria.
8. 12/4/09--Hudson Valley Regional Council. To register call 564-4075
9. Folk seed—11/19/09—Seed Share, Hudson Valley Food Share Roundtable—Ken Green will be speaking. For more information email Valeria.
10. Waterfront Advisory Committee. 11/18/09 5:00pm-6:30pm, Common Council chambers. Steve Finkle will be talking about progress on walkway project, Ferry Feasibility study, etc.
11. Ulster County Non-motorized Transportation Plan—meeting 11/16/09, Legislative Chambers at Ulster County Building
12. Valeria spoke with David from Transition Towns, based in Rosendale. He helps to transition towns in Hudson Valley to become greener.
13. Valeria also spoke with Tim Lundquist, a green builder/architect, based in Hudson.
14. Valeria spoke with Tom Hoffay. He would like us to let him know when the stakeholders meeting will be.

Reports:

1. E.M.C. Report: It was poorly attended. Gregg had minutes and information to share regarding the Greenway Grant---for trail building along the Hudson Bluffs. He also had information regarding Federal Block Grants. Contact him for more information.
2. Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training: Training is complete. We were shown the report—Esopus Valley Biodiversity Assessment Report. It is not a public report—final revisions have to be made. Julie would like our group to do the 3-day training over the summer.
3. Planning Board Meeting Update: Any questions? Email Allison ataylor603@yahoo.com for more information. Valeria will be the rep. for the next meeting.

Administrative Matters:

1. Local Legislation: Julie will follow up.

2. Policies and Procedures: Valeria introduced us to the process of Testing for Consensus. CAC read through the corrections and additions, as well as deletions. We need to do more work on this.
3. Board Recruitment: No application submitted.

Old Business:

1. Wendell Energy Audit: 2005/2006 Wendell Energy audited 25 municipal buildings in Kingston. They formulated a report with recommended measures and potential savings for our city. This report will be helpful information to assist in the implementation of our Climate Smart /Green Jobs Community Pledge.

***Valeria wanted to note the time. Julie noted that it was getting late and we would have to have a special meeting regarding the Pledge implementation. She will send out a doodle poll to see when the group can meet.

2. Valeria made a motion to have a special meeting for developing our plan for implementation of the pledge. Julie 2nd. All in favor
3. Melissa Everett came to talk about implementing the Pledge. She would like to help organize our implementation strategy. She would like to be included in the special meeting. She discussed what economic development/businesses she would like to see at the stakeholders meeting. Ex. Energy efficiency companies, solar PV, and solar thermal.
4. Bike Pathways Map will be reworked.
5. Valeria asked about the potential press release she drafted. She emailed it out—please review and send any changes back to Valeria.
6. Animal Possession Law: Tabled until next regular meeting.
7. Pay as you Throw Proposal: Steve Noble presented this to our group. We support it and Julie drafted a letter to the Common Council showing our support. It was passed around the group for approval and will be sent this week.
8. Pesticide Management Plan: Valeria sent out—please review for next regular meeting.

New Business:

1. CAC Website:
 - What do we want for a main menu?
 - Categories/sub-categories
 - Profile of CAC
 - History of CAC special projects page/links
 - Climate Smart/Green Jobs Community Pledge
 - Documents
 - For view only/templates for change
 - Photographs
 - CAC communications Blog between other CAC groups
 - Question link—citizens ask
 - Information(monthly)—on ex. How to be more energy efficient.
 - Application
 - Archives of minutes/agendas
2. Felipa will come back next meeting with more information.
3. Can we link our website from the Kingston City website?

Valeria made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Felipa 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 10:06pm